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To Rabbi Josuah ben Eleazar, and the rest of
our Brethren the JEWS in Amsterdam,
GREETING:

That which we shall now write to you,
(my beloved Brethren) is concerning
the hope of the Seed of Jacob, which for
many Years hath been looked for, and expect-
ed by us all; but now is the time near at hand,
for the Great JEHOVA hath raised up a Great
Prophet, one *Shilo Sabathi*, a man whose birth
and education hath been hitherto unknown to
the Jews. But for your further satisfaction I
have here sent you the Copy of the Two Let-
ters I received from *Aleppo* concerning him.

The First Letter to Rabbi Gorion ben Syrach,
at Adrianople.

WE have a great rumor concerning a Prophet
lately discovering himself in South *Turkey*
at the head of a considerable number of
People unarmed, whose manners, habits and language,
differs from the people inhabiting in or near those parts,
the name of this Prophet or Leader is *Shilo Sabathi*, he
is of a very tall stature, of a comely and majestic coun-
tenance, the hair of his head is as white as snow, and
long, reaching down to his waist, and parted on the
crown after the manner of the *Nazarites*, his beard of
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the same colour covering all his breast, he wears a purple loose Garment, a Coronet wreathed with boughs of trees upon his head, and carries a white wand in his hand: in fine he is adorned with all that comeliness, as due color, order and proportion of parts can make, that his body might be a fit Palace for his divine soul. When an Army of the Tartars came to oppose them as invaders of their Land, his majestic countenance did strike such a terror into their hearts, that they immediately threw away their weapons, and fell down at his feet, crying out *Fern, Fern Tartars*, which in their language signifies *O Jerusalem, the Remnant of Jerusalem*. Then Rabbi Shilo held up his stick towards them, and commanded them to rise, saying, My Brethren, you are of the seed of *Isaac* as well as *Isa*, and though the Great **JEHOVAH** hath dispersed us throughout almost all parts of the habitable World, because our Fathers disobeyed his Commandments, and worshipped other Gods, yet this you may be assured that his anger will not last for ever, he hath sent me, *Shilo Sabathi*, to be your Captain or Leader to conduct you to the Land of promise, where you shall enjoy all those mercies and privileges as was enjoyed by our Nation in the Reign of King *Solomon*. For I am that *Shilo* you so long expected, and now is the fulness of time come, that I should appear to you, be therefore of good courage & follow me, and I will bring you to the Land of your Fathers, I will lay the Foundations of *Jerusalem*, and raise the Walls thereof, I will build the Temple of the Lord and make it more glorious then that of *Solomon*, which was but a type or shadow of mine. Fear not your enemies, none shall oppose you. He told them likewise that about seven years since he had sent one *Saba Sabathi* to prepare his way, but he was inhumanly murdered

by the Turks: for which they must expect some severe
Judgements to fall upon this Nation. He travels very
lowely but he daily encreaseth his Company; and sub-
scribes none to wear any offensive weapon, proclaiming to
them nothing but Love and Peace.

What the product of this will be we cannot tell, but
hope for the best. Communicate this News only to
those of our own Tribes; and not to the Gentiles: least
they deride and mock at us.

I am your Friend and Brother,
From Aleppo, Moser ben Manasseh.

The Second Letter. To Rabbi Gyrion ben Sy-
rach at Adrianople.

WE have further confirmation of the Story concerning
Rabbi Shilo; he hath put out a Declaration,
wherein he gives the world an account of his Birth, Educa-
tion, and the several passages of his Life; which, I suppose
will come shortly to my hands, and then you shall be sure to
have a Copy of it by the next Post. In the mean time take
this short account of it, as I had it from a very good hand.
He tells the world, that his Birth was about the year of the
world, 3547. And that as soon as he came of age to travels
he wandered about all the habitable world, seeking and in-
quiring after the Twelve Tribes, that were carried into
Captivity by Salmanasar but could not find them, till such
time as it was revealed to him in a Vision, how he should
come to the knowledge of them, and that he should conduct
them to Jerusalem. The manner of it was as followeth.
Rabbi Shilo wearied with his tedious and unsuccessful
travels, being in the Desert of Arabia, resolved now to
lead an solitary and holy Life, and not to converse any

longer with Men, but with God and Angels; and to this end sought out some convenient place to inhabit, which his vine Providence soon favoured him with, for he had now gone far before he spied a very handfome Cave, paved with Stone, and arched with curious Workmanship: Into this place he entred, fell asleep, and saw a Vision; An Angel stood before him, whose countenance was brighter than the Sun; and said unto him, Rabbi Shilo, Beloved of Jehovah, arise and follow me; and immediately smote him with a white Wand; at which Rabbi Shilo awaked, and followed this celestial Messenger, who led him through many Countries; and at last brought him to the side of a hill, where was a Cave, whose mouth was stopped with Stones of a very large size, cemented together so fast, that one might more easily have entred a Rock than the Cave: But the Angel gave him a white Wand, and bid him strike the stones with it, which he did, and immediately the stones tumbled down, then they both entered the Cave, and in the midst of it they found a marble Chest; the Angel bids Rabbi Shilo strike the top of the Chest with his Wand, at which it immediately flew open; then the Angel bid him peruse the Writing he found in the Chest, and so left him. Rabbi Shilo being troubled at the Angels so suddain departure, sat musing, considering what to do; but recalling himself, and remembering the words of the Angel, read the Writings. He looked into the Chest, and there found a Book, a large roule of very ancient Vellum, and two Tables of Stone; the Book was the Cabal that was given to Moles, by which he was informed of all things done from the Creation till his time, and by it he writ the Penteteuch, but it was again lost, and brought again to Eldras, and then lost again, being conveyed into this place, where it remained till this time: The roule of Ratchment contained the Genealogy and Succession of the Tribes, to this present time, and in what Countries they are, and how they are

are dispersed and mixed with the Gentiles: The Tables of Stone were the same that Moses brought down from the Mount: After he had perused these Writings, according to the Angels command, the Angel again appeared to him; and told him that now he had seen the Cabal, he might write a true History of all things done since the Creation: And by the soul of Vellom he might write the Genealogy of all the Twelve Tribes of Israel; and bid him go and gather together the Tribes of Israel from the four Corners of the Earth, and bring them to the Land of their Fathers; He told him that none should resist them, but they should have free passage to the Holy Land, and King's should be assistant to them in their Journeys, and contribute largely to the rebuilding of Jerusalem, and the Temple of the Lord. Having said this, the Angel again left him. This is what I have hitherto heard of his Declaration, Be of good cheer, we hope to see a joyful time; In the meanwhile, I am,

From Aleppo.

Your Friend and Brother,
Moses Ben Manasseh.

BY these Two Letters confirming the Story, I cannot but really believe the truth of it. We do in our Synagogues here put up publick Prayers to God in behalf of this Prophet, that he would be pleased to assist him with a mighty Arm in this great Work; and that he would hasten the gathering together of his ancient People the Jews, that we may again sit under our own Vines and Fig-trees.

tree. We hope you will not be wanting in
your Synagogues in *Adrianople*, to pray for his
success; and we desire likewise that you will
communicate this joyfull News to all the Jews
that inhabit in the countries about you, giving
them charge to keep it to themselves, and not
reveal it to the Gentiles. But all prepare to
meet this Prophet, who will in a short time lay
the Foundations of *Jerusalem*, raise the Walls
of the Temple: so shall we enjoy our ancient
Liberties, and be no longer in Bondage and
Captivity amongst the Gentiles, but shall be
a free People; and all people shall come to
our City to worship. Our Love to all our
Brethren. I remain

Your Loving Friend and Brother,

From *Adrianople*.

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